

This Week's Lunch Program - October 23, 2019

Transpac Trauma

John Sangmeister



In this year's 50th Transpacific Race, John Sangmeister was setting the race record when his trimaran Tritium hit 6 telephone poles in a debris field from the 2011 tsunami that hit Japan. He and his crew slowed down for 14 hours to make repairs, before finally abandoning the sinking 70-foot sailboat. Fellow competitor Roy Disney (grandnephew of Walt Disney) rescued Sangmeister and his crew. This was the 8th Transpac race, in which the owner of Gladstone's Restaurant in Long Beach was competing.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
John Sangmeister - Transpac Trauma
Queen Mary, Queens Salon (1126 Queens Hwy., 90802)
- Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019 - 12:30pm: Reading by 9 Fundraiser
Join Frank Newell and raise funds to provide books and reading materials for children pre-K through 3rd grade.
Queen Mary, Queens Salon
- Thursday, Oct 24, 2019 - 6:00pm-8:00pm: Rotary Revealed Information Meeting
(instead of a November meeting which would place it on Thanksgiving Day)
Bring prospective members to this meeting
Hosted by Jan and Jerry Maize
Contact: Nel Varinas and Gaia Valentino
- Friday, Oct 25, 2019- 12noon-4:00pm: Monthly Golf League Outing
El Dorado
Contact Rich Gibson
- Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019 - 12noon-1:30pm: Weekly Lunch Program
Offsite - new Long Beach Public Main Library
200 W. Broadway
RSVP by October 23.

Next Rotary lunch meeting
- Wednesday - October 30 -
OFFSITE - Glenda Williams
- New Downtown Main
Public Library



200 W. Broadway

The new LB Main Library opened in September and is named after LB tennis legend Billie Jean King. Besides the vast collections, the Main Library offers a wide range of services for people of all ages and abilities including accessible computers, social service assistance, a makers space, children's programming and more. As its Centennial Legacy gift to the community, the Rotary Club of Long Beach provided the funding for the Storytime Theater and Early Childhood Literacy Area. This children's section is decked out in a nautical theme with interactive murals, shelves of new books, a reading boat, submarine and lighthouse.

Meeting space is limited. Reservation deadline is October 23.

This Week's Birthdays

Oct 20 - **Don Pierce** (Home Instead, Health Care - Non-Medical Home Care)

Oct 22 - **Leslie Wiberg** (WealthSpring, Financial - Financial Advisor)

2019 Election Committee

We are pleased to announce the **2019 Election Committee!** This team will select the 2022-2023 Rotary Club of Long Beach President, #106.

Kay Cofield, Chair

Michele Dobson
Matt Kinley
Frank Newell
Gail Schwandner
Wayne Slavitt
Dennis Smith

Thank you to all Rotarians who exercised their voting privilege.

With appreciation,

2018 Election Committee
Cam Killingsworth, Chair

Greg Burnight
Greg Haeseler
Freda Hinsche Otto
Steve Keesal
Jean Bixby Smith
Alfredo Velasco

New Member Proposal

The following is being proposed as a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. His name is hereby submitted to the membership for a 10-day period as required by the by-



President's Message

Rotary Roots! Reminds us of the "roots" of Rotary back in the day when the meeting locations would "rotate" to the different businesses of the membership. Our version, brought to us by Alfredo Velasco from his former Club, gives us the opportunity to meet in smaller groups and get to know each other and selected businesses in a more intimate setting. It's not too early to volunteer your office or hobby location for the spring version of Rotary Roots. Yes that's right! This event is SO popular we're bringing it back for an encore in spring, March 11, 2020.

Well....we did it! **Feeding the Future** was a huge success! How do we know?

- 1500 college students will be served.
- 4500 non-perishable meals will be available.
- Those 1500 students will know that someone cares and they are not ignored, invisible or alone.
- Just under 100 people joyfully worked together.
- We hosted an event where Rotarians could include their families, neighbors and friends.
- Rotarians availed themselves of an alternative way to donate to our local community.
- We sustained the continuity of supporting our local children and their education from pre-school through college.
- Rotarians who are unable to attend regular Wednesday meetings had a chance to participate.
- We shared the work among many people giving anyone with a small amount of time to donate, the opportunity to serve.
- New members and prospective members got to know us better.
- Members of the community gained awareness of Rotary and the work we do.

There is a Part Two to **Feeding the Future**. Stay tuned to hear about plans for improving and sustaining this project as well as alternate versions providing the same support to students who can find the resources to attend college, but who sacrifice their need for food to accomplish it. We strive to eradicate the lack of food for college students.

Photos and a re-cap of the whole event, including reports from LBCC and CSULB will be presented to the Club at a future meeting. In the meantime, thank you to all who participated and made this first ever event a huge success!!!

This week's meeting will be amazing. Past President Frank Newell will provide us with a chance to

laws. Any comments can be addressed to the President or the Executive Director of the Club during this 10-day period.

Josh Rand- Senior Portfolio Manager, Morgan Stanley

Proposed classification: Financial - Stock & Bond Broker/
Security Brokerage

Proposed by: Ron Rand and Greg Burnight

October New Member Introductions

The Rotary Club of Long Beach welcomed 4 new members in October. **Jason Campbell** was actually hired so that Braden Phillips could retire. When not busy as the Administration Bureau Chief for the LBPD, Jason relaxes through cycling, powerlifting, and scuba diving. As a consultant for non-profit organizations, **Danita Humphrey** is a volunteer extraordinaire. Junior League of Long Beach, Young Horizons Child Care Center, American Red Cross, LB Public Library Foundation, Leadership LB, Assistance League are just a few of the organizations she has lent her hand and heart. **Laura Franke** is Financial Advisor and Managing Director with PFM Financial Advisors, a financial advisory for municipalities. In her spare time she loves to ski, snowboard, walk, travel, and do yoga. **Alberto Sanchez** owns Tax Prestige, an accounting and tax preparation firm. As can be expected of a 30-year-old he stays in shape with salsa and bachata dancing, judo, and dragon staff.



support literacy by donating to Reading by 9 and our speaker will captivate us with the true story of a rescue at sea.

The photo shows the contents of the bags we stuffed on Saturday. Enough non-perishable food for THREE meals!

Mollie B. #103

Rotary Club of Long Beach usually meets every Wednesday
at 12:00 noon on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90802)
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